GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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GAS CONNECTION ON DEMAND IN URBAN AREAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government have decided to open a gas agency over a population of 15000 in each block/tehsil headquarter and municipal area;

(b): if so, the details thereof and the time by which this decision is likely to be implemented;

(c): whether Government are aware that the existing gas agencies and oil companies are opening their sub-counters at tehsil headquarters and if so, the policy of the Government in this regard;

(d): whether Government will allocate the new gas agencies through tenders/advertisements or any changes have been made in the policy in this regard;

(e): the time by which Government propose to exhaust the waiting list for gas connection; and

(f): the reasons for not providing LPG connections by the Gas companies in the rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b): As per the existing policy, the following criteria are adopted for setting up economically viable LPG distributorships in different parts of the country including small towns and villages:

(i) All urban locations with a population of 10,000 and above by including potential of adjoining villages falling within the radius of 15 Kms.

(ii) Urban locations having population of 5,000 and above taking into account the potential of adjoining villages falling within 15 Kms radius.

(iii) Cluster of villages within 15 Kms radius of nucleus villages having a population of 10,000 and above.

(iv) Villages within 15 Kms radius around towns having population of 1 lakh and above.

(c): The Government have permitted the opening of extension counters by the existing LPG distributorships upto a radius of 30 Kms in the plains and 75 Kms in the Hilly areas subject to certain conditions.

(d): According to the existing policy for selection of dealers/distributors of petroleum products, the locations included in the Marketing Plans are advertised by the oil companies and the selection therefor is made through the Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs) as per the procedure.

(e) & (f): Government have decided to release 1 crore LPG connections during the calender year 2000 to liquidate the waiting list existing with LPG distributors of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies as on 1.12.1999LPG distributors operating in rural areas are also releasing LPG connections as per the above enrolment plan.